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**Sent:** 1/16/2019 7:14:52 PM  
**To:** Patterson, John (Brown) [John\_Patterson@brown.senate.gov]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Hot off the presses - latest story out of CA re. the Uniontown IEL Superfund EPA contractor and Dept. of Justice Case!!

Hi John,

Got a bounce back that Beth recently retired, so I just called the office and obtained your email, saying you are an environmental staffer...

FYI-

Regards,

Chris Borello - for Stark Concerned Citizens and CCLT/Uniontown IEL Superfund Site, OH 330-499-5207

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Subject: Hot off the presses - latest story out of CA re. the Uniontown IEL Superfund EPA contractor and Dept. of Justice Case!!

**SO WHEN is our Ohio Uniontown IEL Superfund Site going to receive justice concerning what went on here, with our radiation testing and oversight performed?? See the investigative org., "Project On Government Oversight's" October 22nd, 1998 regarding IEL and PRC/Tetra Tech's work; ....POGO, questioning WHY US EPA Region 5 was continuing to use *this same contractor* in the year(s) that followed - *the critical time frame when our clean up was killed off at the behest of the polluters and obliging Region 5, allowing our site to continue to freely flush into our area's sole source aquifer used by up to 600,000 citizens and evidence of deadly Plutonium buried within the site and other dangerous materials?***

U.S. sues Tetra Tech for alleged false claims in SF Hunters Point shipyard cleanup

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/u-s-sues-tetra-tech-for-alleged-false-claims-in-hunters-point-cleanup/>

New home construction on Parcel A can be seen in the distance behind dilapidated buildings on Parcel G at the old Hunters Point Shipyard. (Kevin N. Hume/S.F. Examiner)

By Bay City News on January 15, 2019 7:16 am

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The lawsuits don't give a specific number for alleged financial loss caused to the government, but say the alleged fraud has caused "substantial disruption, uncertainty and delay" in plans to clean up and redevelop Hunters Point.

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-Julia Cheever, Bay City News

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On Jan 16, 2019, at 7:41 AM, <crborello@aol.com> <crborello@aol.com> wrote:

Steve,

Jill also sent me the other day the story about Tetra Tech getting a big contract to clean up the forrest fire results....Anything else happening? Haven't gotten anything from you in a while..See below ( wanna bet they used the EPA 900 Method to test the ground water? ) :

Sent: Wed, Jan 16, 2019 9:53 am

Subject: Fwd: Audubon report re. EPA, uranium metals plume and Big Oil

Please note toward end of article discussion mulling over "natural attenuation" ( MNA again) vs. a pump and treat....allowing Mother Nature" handle it...sound familiar? It's why top US EPA officials like Ken Lovelace, who headed up this issue nationally, were according to his peers "in a pressure cooker"..Sadly, Ken committed suicide the months following his involvement with Uniontown IEL Superfund site, reportedly pressured by the Inspector General's Office on our case. I was told by one of his close friends at EPA a year later,... *"I helped them understand Ken's death"*...Yeah....A different peer at EPA had previously also told me the IG had "mischaracterized" what Ken had told them about IEL and MNA...urging me to talk to Ken...It wasn't long after he died....

I am raising this because when you read this story in Audubon, you will get a feel for the kind of political pressure those of us on the front line witnessed all the time, (long before ol' Scott Pruitt, et al)and when I write about good caring government workers putting themselves on the line, sometimes, sadly, I mean literally....One currently at a different agency is being pressured similarly and we have tried to get them whistleblower protection....Chris

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<https://www.audubon.org/news/epa-struck-secretive-deal-over-toxic-site-leaving-13-million-bps-pocket>



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